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Cuba Reports Execution of Four 'Spies for CIA'

Exile Groups Claim Castro Regime Slew 52 Anti-Red Prisoners Without Trial

HAVANA (UPI) — The government radio Wednesday reported the pre-dawn execution of four anti-Castro Cubans alleged to be spies in the employ of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

A firing squad put to death Angel Paleo Nieto, described as chief of the band, Jose Manuel Rodriguez Suarez, Raciel Royer Sarriegui and Enrique Garcia Palomino at Cabana Fortress, the radio announcement said.

Mass Executions Charged

In Miami, three Cuban exile groups charged in a statement that Castro firing squads shot 52 prisoners in a mass execution three weeks ago.

The exile groups—the Second Escambray Front, the People's Revolutionary Movement and Alpha 66—said the mass execution took place July 8 in the town of El Condado, near Trinidad, in Las Villas province.

The exiles said the men had been captured two years ago while engaged in anti-Communist activities and held on the isle of Pines. Their execution, said to have been without trial, was reported by relatives who were permitted to identify the bodies in open graves, according to the exiles.

Killed Immediately

Wednesday's execution, as reported by the Communist daily Hoy, said Paleo Nieto, a former GI and alleged to have been trained by the CIA in espionage, was executed immediately after being sentenced.

Three other alleged Cuban spies got 20-year sentences—Manuel Alvarez Fanego, Luis Prieto Fernandez and Ignacio Malrego Alonso—and a fourth, Manuel Alvarez Pita, drew a 12-year term.

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